

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Lamp, Rasmussen, and McDonald. Absent: None. The City of Grundy Center held this regular city council meeting in person and electronically via an online meeting or conference call. Join the meeting from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/943208949> Or dial in using your phone. Access Code: 943-208-949 United States: +1 (312) 757-3121.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. Motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, April 3, 2023; and approval of the March 2023 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

March 2023 Expenditures per fund: General: \$308536; Road Use Tax: \$13244; Employee Benefits: \$35743; Local Option Sales Tax: \$31699; Community Betterment Fund: \$2024; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$3522; Library Gift Trust: \$955; Ambulance Gift Trust Fund: \$1341; Continuing Projects: \$3665; Water Fund: \$41597; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$31762; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$17105; Sanitation Fund: \$27922; Ambulance Fund: \$64507; Storm Sewer Fund: \$2948; Total: \$586570.

March 2023 Revenues per fund: General: \$81017; Road Use Tax: \$18549; Employee Benefits Fund: \$11934; Emergency Fund: \$860; Local Option Sales Tax: \$31699; TIF Fund: \$5864; Community Betterment Fund: \$15849; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$15; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$107; Police Reserve: \$100; Library Gift Trust: \$1138; Ambulance Gift Trust: \$1641; Debt Service Fund: \$7830; Water Fund: \$50721; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$59293; Sewer Sinking fund: \$17105; Sanitation Fund: \$30586; Ambulance Fund: \$91181; Storm Sewer: \$4198; Total: \$423506.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:31pm on the fiscal year 2024 annual city budget. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, commented on the amount of increase over last fiscal year. No further comments. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:37pm. Motions carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-26, a resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2024 annual city budget and set the property tax levy at \$16.01071/\$1000 assessed value. Smith commented that City accepted the minimum levy to continue business as is. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2023-27, a resolution to approve the hiring of Kodi Carson for the 40hr Paramedic position and set the wage. Dwight Gliem, EMS Director, mentioned Carson is completing training in the first week of June 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-28, a resolution to approve the hiring of Quinten Guevara for a part time paramedic position. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-29, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to accept the bid and sign documents from Govdeals for the 2016 Ford SUV Police Interceptor. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2023-30, a resolution to express concerns with SF550, as currently written, which will take control of local option sales tax away from municipal governments. McDonald questioned why the state legislation would even consider this. Smith commented on State of Iowa's ability to keep the LOST for their general fund it will be very difficult for cities to get the revenue back. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-31, a resolution to amend previous resolution for Felix Grundy Days street closures. Discussion was accessibility to the County Sheriff's office; question on time of the Kiddie/Pet Parade; and ability to block off the entire two blocks of parking for parade. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to table this resolution until further questions are answered. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2023-32, a resolution to award the Sports Complex Concessions Management contract. Sawyer explained Alex Funke and Shane Hillman, Chad's Pizza, removed themselves from consideration due time restraints and number of employees needed. Discussion was held about necessity to charge rent; term of the contract; insurance for liability coverage; and contract verbiage be updated and reviewed by City Attorney. Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to approve the award of the concession contract to Stephanie Larson, BarLea Roots, for 2023 season

pending contract review by City Attorney. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the fiscal year 2023 budget amendments and possible take action to set a public hearing on May 15, 2023. Sawyer explained each amendment for the expenses and revenues. Smith commented on concerns these amendments need to be reviewed more frequently. Eberline mentioned this was discussed during audit review and will be done quarterly going forward. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to proceed with publishing for a public hearing on May 15, 2023, on the fiscal year 2023 budget amendments. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action to approve to publish a help wanted ad for the Community Center Janitor position. Kuester asked for job specifics. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:26pm. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, commented on GC Municipal Utilities board meetings and potholes throughout town needing repaired. Public forum closed at 7:33pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on IMFOA Spring conference and Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting this week.

Public Safety Committee commented on disaster training in July and Officer Bradley graduates this week from ILEA academy.

Public Works Committee commented on lifeguard training class will be held May 26-27, 2023; attended wastewater meeting in Mason City and Grundy Center was acknowledged for being #1 for phosphorous and #10 for nitrogen removal from the wastewater facility in the State of Iowa; water main repair project will be starting H Avenue soon.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor